

the

ALMAGEST

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SHREVEPORT, LA
PERMIT NO. 1134

Thursday, January 30, 1997

LSU in Shreveport

Volume 31, Number 1

'Empty' Parking Spots Available for Students

Jackie Crosby
ALMAGEST

Students parking in the Bronson Hall parking lot might find a few extra parking spaces this semester. The Parking and Traffic Committee has recommended the removal of 19 faculty and staff parking spaces in the far east row of the lot, making them available to students, faculty and staff.

University Police Chief Ron Parker said the SGA contacted him last semester about faculty and staff spots that remained vacant during high traffic hours. The University Police conducted a survey that proved there to be several vacant

spots that remained vacant during the day. The Parking and Traffic Committee reviewed the survey and recommended the change.

Parker said a row of student parking was replaced with faculty and staff parking last year in the Bronson Hall lot after the opening of the Noel Memorial Library. "It turned out we didn't need those spots," he said, "It seems like we could give those spots to students instead of just letting them sit there vacant," Parker said.

David Ogle, a junior General Studies major, says he has tried to park in the Bronson Hall parking lot but can never find a vacant spot. Now he always parks

in the overflow lot. He said he sees a lot of empty faculty and staff parking spaces all over campus but feels the parking situation is okay. "I don't think it is that bad if you get here on time. If you get here at the last minute, you have to park in the overflow lot," Ogle said.

A memo released by Mike Ferrell, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and a member of the Parking and Traffic Committee, said, "Faculty and staff spaces in that row are still identified by the green paint on the curb, and the University Police will enforce the restricted parking in those spaces."



Photo by Jackie Crosby

Parking spaces in the West end of Bronson Hall's parking lot are now available to students as well as faculty and staff. Nineteen new places help the overcrowded parking problem.



Photo by Rita Uotila

Chicken housing is now reality at LSUS campus. Henrietta - the Chicken - got a shelter to hide from the bone chilling winter winds blowing across the campus.

LSUS Chicken Gets New Home

Kirk Dickey
NEWS EDITOR

The chicken that lives on campus has a new home thanks to a couple of people in the Business/Education building. They decided to build the house after a recent cold snap swept through the area.

The chicken (who goes by many names) got a new house right after the winter break from school. Alice Green, an accounting major, and Jo Anne Copeland, a secretary in the B.E. building, built the house to give "Henrietta" a place to get away from the

cold. "She was cold," Green said. "We were worried that we would have frozen chicken kabobs on our hands."

According to Green and Copeland, "Henrietta" is fed by a lot of people in Bus./Ed. Building. The two said that they think a lot of people like having "Henrietta" around.

Copeland says that she doesn't mind having the chicken on campus. "I'm

kind of the mother of the chicken," Copeland said.

The House is built of a Gateway 2000 computer box that was decorated for her. It is filled with shredded paper to give her some warmth and placed on the right side of the B.E. Building facing the U.C. Mall. Green

said that she hasn't seen "Henrietta" in the house yet, but she is sure that she has been in it.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEB. 3 @ 2 P.M. -- NOEL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, THIRD FLOOR ATRIUM

News conference and reception honoring Matel Dawson Jr. and the Matel & Bessie Hall Dawson Endowed Scholarship Fund.

FEB. 15 @ 10 A.M. -- UC THEATER

Third annual LSUS American Studies "Frank and Virginia Williams" Abraham Lincoln Lecture on the topic, "The Momentous Issues of the Civil War: From Lincoln's Election to Bull Run" is given by David E. Long, a Lincoln scholar. The lecture is free and open to the public.

LSUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TRIPS FOR '97

LSU in Shreveport Alumni Association sponsors three trips to Europe in 1997.

March 22-30, 1997: "Allo Paris" trip includes a sight-seeing of Paris, tours to Notre Dame, The Arc de Triomphe, The Louvre, Montmartre, and the Eiffel Tower. Also, a boat ride along the Seine, a visit to Versailles, Fontainebleau, and Giverny, the home of Claude Monet, is included.

May 20-29, 1997: Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The trip includes sight-seeing tours of Munich, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lucerne, Danube cruise, and a visit to Little Lichenstein.

Sept. 18-26, 1997: Rome, Florence and Venice. Visit to the Colosseum, Michelangelo's Moses, The Duomo, San Pietro in Vincoli, and sight-seeings of Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice. Contact Phyllis Graham at 798-1343.

Faculty Senate Discusses Internet Access, Enrollment

Micheal Schnieder
ALMAGEST

The Faculty Senate convened Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the University Center to discuss issues concerning the upcoming semester.

Most notable was the announcement by John Sigle about of the new T-1 phone line installed in an effort to speed up Internet access from on-campus terminals. This line increases the amount of information that can be sent and received from the university from 56,000 bits per second to 1.5 million bps.

"I have frankly been embarrassed," Sigle said, of the previous inefficiency of the system. "This T-1 line has been badly needed for a long time." Sigle also outlined other planned improvements which included server upgrades and additional modems.

Sigle was presiding over the meeting in place of Dr. Jim Reed, president of the faculty senate, who was away on university business.

Enrollment Figures have not been finalized according to Kathleen Plante, Registrar and Director of Admissions and Records. The official statistics will be released on Feb. 3, but preliminary figures show a decline in relation to last spring's enrollment numbers more than 4,000. Plante said that it is important to note how enrollment was down in the fall.

The planned renovation of the science building also received a much needed boost with the announcement of an additional \$1.4 million grant. The improvements are currently being planned and will begin this summer.

LSUS Campus Hosts Debate Tournament

Don McDaniel
ALMAGEST

The University of Texas at Tyler took top honors last weekend in the 1997 Red River Forensics Classic debate tournament held on the LSUS campus. Mary Jarzabek, tournament host and communications instructor at LSUS, said, "UT-Tyler is an up and coming team. They have great coaching."

UT-Tyler captured first place in the Lincoln/Douglas debates and first in IE Sweeps which gave them enough points to win first place in the Overall Sweeps.

Coach Jack Rogers of UT-Tyler said, "This is a great tournament and of course it's always good to win." Rogers went on to say, "I've been coming to this tournament for a number of years and think that Mary Jarzabek, the LSUS administration, and the faculty do a wonderful job." When questioned about his team, Rogers said, "This was our first collegiate win,

as we are a young team, but they have made great strides since I joined them two years ago."

Nineteen teams competed in this year's tournament, coming from as far away as Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich. Southeastern Louisiana University was another big winner taking first place in Debate sweeps and first in the open and novice classes.

Jeff DeRouen of McNeese State University and Gretchen Winnig of Louisiana Tech, won several individual categories. DeRouen came first in After Dinner Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry, and Prose Interpretation. Winnig took first place honors in Extemporaneous, Impromptu, and Informative speaking.

Jarzabek said that she was pleased with this year's turnout and wanted to thank all the people who helped make the tournament a success. "A lot of people leave here thinking I am the one who made the tournament a

success, but it is really the administration and the faculty, who volunteer to be judges, the security guys who let us in the buildings early in the mornings, and the housekeepers who pick up and make the university look nice. I couldn't do it without all their help," Jarzabek said. "It's because of the backing that we get from the administration and all the extra help that the other schools leave here with a good feeling about LSUS."

Other schools competing in the debate tournament were: San Jacinto Central, San Jacinto South (First in Parliamentary), Harding University, Hillsdale College, Southeast Missouri State, Kilgore College, Centenary, LSU-Alexandria, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Louisiana College, Arkansas State University, Xavier University, Northeast Louisiana University, University of Texas-Dallas, McNeese State University, and University of St. Thomas.

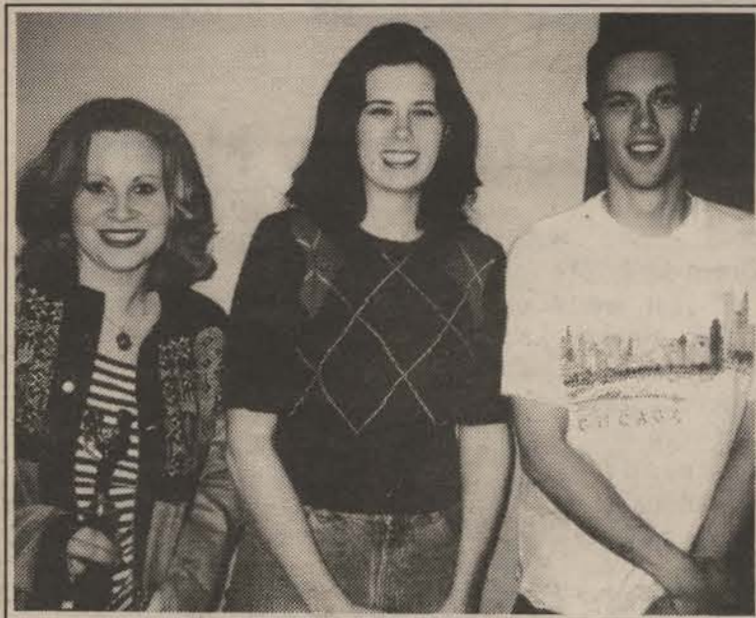
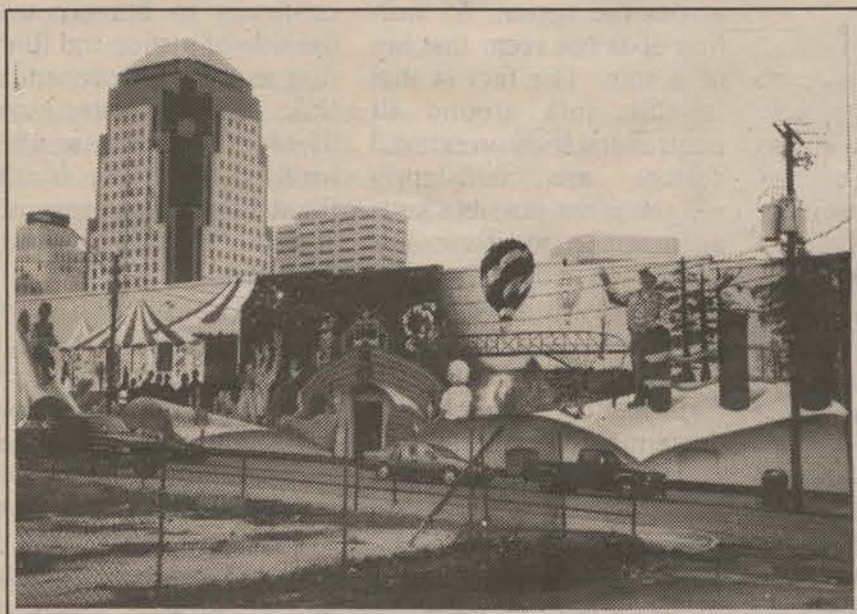


Photo by Don McDaniel

Anna Doneyson, Dianna Frobel, and Jim McIntyre from Hillsdale College in Michigan were awarded the trophy for furthest traveled team for the Red River Forensics Classic Debate Tournament held on LSUS' campus last weekend.

Mural Enhances Shreveport Riverfront



Finished mural on the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau Building downtown at the corner of Spring and Crockett Streets.

Jennifer Ebarb
ALMAGEST

Dr. Donald Alexander's finished design on the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau Building was unveiled as part of the Louisiana Travel and Tourism Summit Convention on Jan. 10.

Alexander had two other artists in the community help him paint the mural because of the short length of time given to complete the project. Buddy West is a freelance artist in Bossier City. Shirlene Alexander, a wife of Dr. Alexander, is an art teacher at Turner Elementary School.

The idea for the mural came from Alexander by combining the things that the tourist bureau is involved in, and trying to show all the activities that our community has to offer. The mural's purpose is to represent the positive aspects of our area, according to Preston Friedley, the president of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau.

The cost of the mural was underwritten by the tourist bureau. The artist's fee was \$1,250, and the production cost was \$5,400.

Alexander says that in future projects he wants to use some LSUS students. "We tried to arrange it for this project, but there just wasn't enough time. Everyone's schedules weren't accommodating," Alexander said.



The mural depicts aspects of Shreveport-Bossier's culture and heritage.

Photos by Kirk Dickey

Regents Spare All but Five Programs

Allison Gates
Almagest

The Board of Regents' final action in regard to the review of duplicated programs resulted in the elimination of five programs. (See box).

However, the eliminated programs will remain in existence for the next three years to allow currently enrolled students to complete their degrees. In the case of the pre-medical programs, students will be able to fulfill their requirements with other available options.

Other actions include the name change of Ed.S. to S.S.P., Specialist in

School Psychology, and the consolidation of the journalism and public relations programs.

Collaborations have developed for the following: Bachelor of Criminal Justice with Grambling, B.A. in Mass Media Studies with Grambling and La. Tech, and B.S. in Elementary/Secondary HPE with Grambling, La. Tech, NSU, and NLU.

The Department of Communications has asked the Board of Regents to retain the name of B.A. in Mass Communications for the degree covering journalism, public relations, and telecommunications.

The purpose of the Board of Regents' review was to eliminate and consolidate degree programs in order to create innovative, accountable, and highly focused educational programs for students.

Provost Stewart Mills said that the university hates to lose any programs because it limits students' options. However, overall the university is delighted with the results. The number of programs lost compared to the number of programs originally on the list is positive for LSUS. Another positive aspect is that the eliminated programs were not heavily enrolled.

The Board of Regents eliminated the following programs:

B.S. in Science and Medicine or Dental Combined

B.S. in Science and Medicine Accelerated

B.A. in Social Sciences -- Economics

B.A. in Social Sciences -- Public Administration

M.A. in Science Teaching

the **ALMAGEST**

to keep the campus informed

Kirk Dickey
News Editor

Dr. Jack Nolan
Advisor

Rita Uotila
Production Editor

Don McDaniel
Business Manager

Office No. (318)797-5328

Fax No. (318)797-5132

e-mail: almagest@pilot.lsus.edu

Member: Southeastern
Journalism Conference,
American College Press
Association, Columbia
Scholastic Press Association

Navigating Rough Seas

Kirk Dickey
NEWS EDITOR

Have you ever watched one of those sailboat races on ESPN? The men and women on those ships are in a very precarious position. If they lean too far, they might tip over. If they don't lean far enough, they might miss the wind and lose the race. The precarious balance that those racers keep is the only way to win the race.

In some ways, those racers are like LSUS. Balance and a steady pace are the only way to ensure that this university will continue to grow and prosper. That is why it is vital to have bad news as well as good. Reporting the bad is never as fun as reporting the good, but it does keep things in equilibrium.

The Board of Regents recently terminated five LSUS programs, and enrollment is down again this semester. This is not a time to despair though. We need some rough seas every now and again, to be stronger as a university.

The Board of Regents review is just one example. The university fought to keep all 21 programs on the Regents' "cut list." The local community supported us throughout the various stages of the review. We won most of the battles. Now we have more recognition from the community as their school. Many times, during the review, school officials said that they didn't realize the amount of local support LSUS had. That is the ultimate good coming from the bad.

So remember, if the semester looks like rough seas right now, the other side is probably pretty sunny. Grit your teeth and lean into it. Just don't lose sight of life's balance.

Media Acts as a Watch Dog For The Powerless

Rita Uotila
COLUMNIST

Whether it was a slap on the wrist or pat on the back, the means of journalism has been under public evaluation once again. The story of Food Lion and its improper conduct of handling food grossed out consumers across the country and, most likely, affected the food industry as a whole. The recent verdict was a \$5 million dollar setback for ABC which featured the horrors of the meat market on its *Prime Time* show. Thereafter, the verdict divided the public into two extreme groups. The issue was addressed in the program *Talk Back* live on CNN last week. Some felt that \$500 million in punitive damages for ABC would have been appropriate; on the other hand, one jury member commented on the show that he would not have given Food Lion a dime.

If we, however, bury the ethical questions for attaining the information for now, and look at the results and the favor the program

did for grocery shoppers across the nation, \$5 million does not seem that big of a sum. The fact is that lawsuits lurk around all controversial stories and editors are constantly weighing the possible suits against the positive outcomes in pondering the usefulness of the information.

In addition, the request for "justice" often times come in a form of a tip to a newsroom or reporter. This happens after institutions fail to recognize their pit falls, announcing store inspections days ahead of time, the "system" then starts to work against powerless general public.

Thank goodness for investigative journalism and the fact that ABC can afford it. Mass media is the regular Joe Blow's way to get information. In other words, good and sound journalism addresses the issues even behind the most powerful individuals.

So *ABC Prime Time* went a little yellowish in its process of getting the story. But again, who would not get dirty while digging up

dirt. Hopefully, the media continues to bravely take the side of justice and function as an informer, and a link, for us little guys. Think of the media as a big brother who, like in the Food Lion case, keeps our side and takes the beating to protect us.

Now, I would like to turn the attention to our campus. If you did not know, we have our own brother (you are holding it right now) on campus through which you are able to address issues that you think are important. What makes you happy, gloomy, furious? Well, you might think you are the only one, but chances are good that others on campus are ticked about the same issues. So what to do? First of all, issues that are swept under the rug cannot be solved. On the editorial page you can get your ideas on the campus agenda. So do a favor for your fellow student and share your pats on the back or slaps on the wrist in your *Letter to the Editor*...



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**What do you think about
the proposed raise of the athletic fee?**

Do you think we need athletics at all?

*Submit your opinions and comments in writing
to the Almagest office in BH344.
Results will be published in the following issue.*

As a result of registration problems and weather, the refund schedule was modified as follows:

100% through 1/17
80% through 1/27
60% through 2/6
40% through 2/13

S o u r c e :
**Admissions and
Records.**

IDEAS FOR GOOD STORIES ???
KNOW SOME TOPICS THAT GO UNREPORTED???
LIKE INFORMING THE STUDENT BODY???
LIKE WRITING???

GET INVOLVED. JOIN THE MERRY STAFF OF

THE ALMAGEST

COME BY BH344, OR CALL 797-5328

LETTERS POLICY

The Almagest requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double spaced. Please include your class and major field of study.

Letters should be submitted to *The Almagest* office, BH 344, by noon on the Friday preceding the Thursday publication date. Obscene, libelous and anonymous letters will not be printed. *The Almagest* reserves the right to edit letters.

MEET YOUR TEACHER

Don McDaniel
ALMAGEST

Name: Richard Georgia
Hometown: Anniston, Ala.
Education: BS Criminal Justice, MPA, MS Curriculum Design, University of Alabama.
Classes currently teaching: Criminal Justice; Intro to Criminal Justice; Correctional Process; Drugs, Drug Abuse, Society and Law.
Most rewarding job aspect: "Helping students that are graduating get good jobs. CJ graduates are not limited to nor do they all become local city cops. Many do get federal, as well as, state jobs throughout the country."

Person most admired: Vince Marsala, "Dr. Marsala has the education credentials, he's ethical, he's honest and he has the connections, he is the chancellor who is going to put LSUS on the map." "Just look at what he has done so far. He has put the university on a management level where we will focus on quality teaching and community service. That's what LSUS is all about." "I only know of one mistake that he has made in 20 years, and that was, 20 years ago he hired me."

PET Peeve: "Litterbugs, there's no excuse. I think we should pick up the trash on the roads and dump it inside peoples houses that are seen throwing trash out of their car windows onto our streets and highways."

Outside Interest: Target shooting, pistol and rifle.

Favorite Food: Italian

Favorite Movies: Comedies

Favorite Actor: Leslie Nielson



Richard Georgia

**DO
NOT
ENTER**

Great pioneers don't hesitate.
MDA research pursues
every possible avenue.

MDA
Muscular Dystrophy Association
1-800-572-1717

SPRING BREAK '97
Book Now and Save!

Lowest Prices to Florida,
Jamaica, Cancun, Bahamas,
& Carnival Cruises

Now Hiring Campus Reps!

ENDLESS SUMMER TOURS

1-800-234-7007

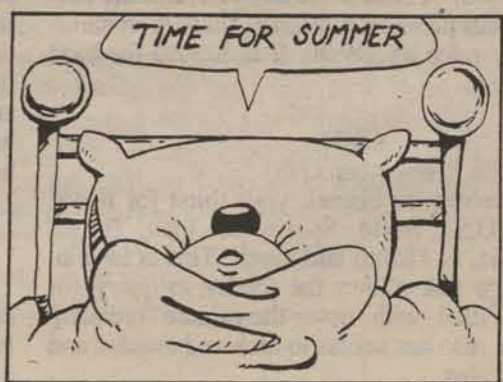
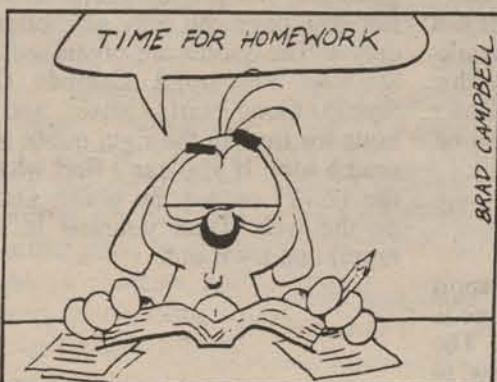
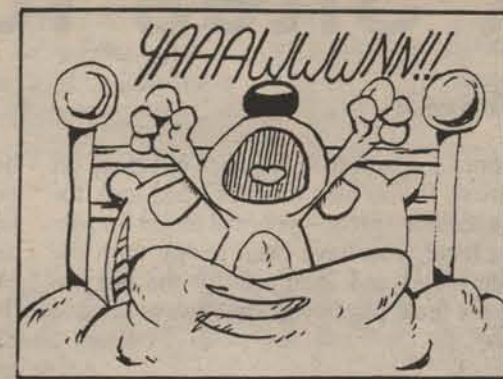
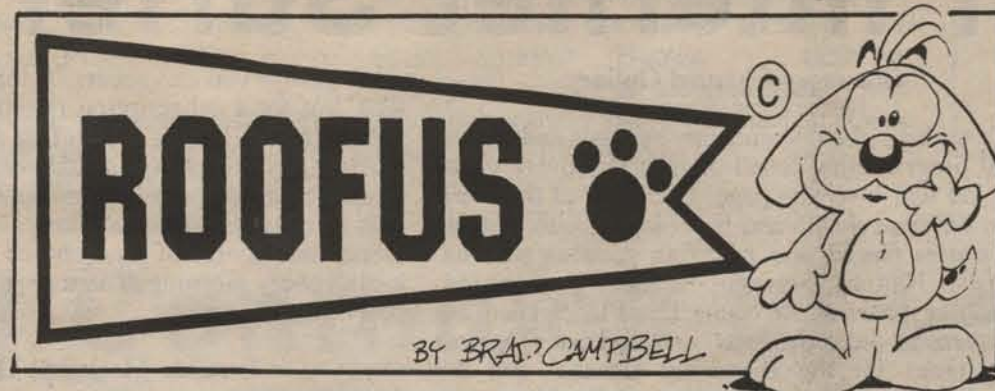
The last challenge of a socially conscious society?

Depression strikes millions—indiscriminately. Depression is simply a suppression of brain activity that makes life unbearable. And even though depression is readily treatable, only 1 in 5 ever seeks treatment. Why do so many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide? First, there's the lack of awareness of depression— as an illness and as the threat that it is to each and every one of us. Second, there's the unwarranted negative stigma attached to it. You know, the 'mental' thing. It's time to collectively face depression. To know it's an illness, not a weakness. And it's a challenge that's long overdue. It's taken too many of us already.

**UNTREATED
DEPRESSION**

#1 Cause of Suicide

Public Service message from SAVE (Suicide Awareness/Voices of Education) <http://www.save.org>



Career Center Offers Tools for Job Hunting

Don McDaniel
ALMAGEST

Recent headlines across the country have trumpeted the good news about the economy's health and good fortune. Companies are hiring and in some instances can't find enough qualified people to fill vacancies. According to all the indicators the job market is looking better than ever for college graduates and it should be easy pickins for graduating seniors as they merge into today's work force. So how do you find out about all these wonderful job opportunities?

There are several ways and tools available not only for seniors, but juniors, sophomores and freshmen as well, such as career fairs, the Internet, newspaper classifieds and employment search companies that charge fees for their services. With all this information available, where does one start? The career center of LSUS is open and waiting to assist you in a variety of ways.

Debra Frazier is not the most known person on this campus but she should be. She mans the career center's office, helping students sort through the mounds of career infor-

mation. She also helps students gain employment through interviews held on campus by companies looking to hire students. She schedules career day and the companies that participate. The career center offers advice on writing résumés and cover letters.

Nervous about going for an interview? The career center offers workshops on how to prepare for an interview and will also run you through some practice interviews that will help you with your confidence.

The career center is often overlooked by students in preparing for that all important job hunt, but it is a wonderful repository of information that should be utilized from the first semester of your college career. If you are not sure what career you are interested in, the career center has information on all types of careers. Information on duties that you would be asked to perform on a certain job, salary ranges you can expect, future employment outlook, and the particular industry outlook. You can also take an aptitude test that reveals your natural talents. The test matches your aptitude with careers that are better suited for you. The Interest Inventory Computer Test is free and can be

taken in the career center.

The career center has on hand a variety of aids that provide information on the top companies, the top 50 jobs, and the top industries at present. They have the Occupational Outlook Handbook on CD-Rom. They have videos about occupations and industries that you can watch. Need a company's address and who to contact about job openings? Look it up in The Almanac of American Employers.

Now that you are about to graduate and you've sifted through all the career decisions, what next? Put your résumé on file in the career center along with letters of recommendation, teacher evaluations, reference letters, or anything else that you think will help you shine in an employer's eyes. You must then sign a release form which will allow the career center to release your file to potential employers. Frazier said, "We get inquiries all the time from local, regional, and national companies looking for graduates to hire right away. A lot of these companies never advertise these openings to the general public unless they can't be filled through college career cen-

ters," she said, "By putting your résumé on file in the office, you can get first shot at a lot of jobs that no one else even knows about." "You should start your file as soon as you start your senior year."

According to Frazier, the companies that call the most are businesses that are looking for accounting, marketing, human resource, and business majors. Also, education majors get quite a few inquiries. Chemistry and Biology majors do not receive as many offers but that does not mean that you shouldn't put your resume on file.

The career center is not the only free job hunting tool that you could employ. Another advantage is that after you graduate, you still have access to the information and jobs as an alumnus of LSUS. That can be useful later in life if you decide to change jobs or need to find a new job due to a layoff or closure.

The career center is a free service provided to the students and alumni of LSUS that every student is encouraged to use. It could give you a leg up on your competition for that perfect job.

Six Sites for Internet Surfers

Mary E. Jimenez
GUEST COLUMNIST

There are about a gazillion web pages out there on the super highway. If you love to "surf" and look for all the treasures hidden - great - you will be set for life. If on the other hand, you have been happy with the same toothpaste brand and shampoo for the last ten years, here are six great pages you can always depend on.

The Wall Street Journal Online (www.wsj.com)

The Wall Street Journal online is an interactive edition with all the sections that you would find in the hard copy. The headlines and brief description of all stories are highlighted, with the full story only a click away. You can browse at your leisure and also get answers to all your stock, bond, and mutual fund questions: ticker price, briefing books, and recent articles. With updates 24 hours a day, you can read the headline stories as soon as they are going to the printer for the hard copy. You can also create your own personal journal that will bring up all of the articles you have indicated an interest in. A click more and you have the current value of your personal portfolio. There is an annual subscription price of \$49.00. It is \$29.00 for hard copy subscribers.

CNN (www.cnn.com)

This page is sure to quench your thirst for news; whether it is U.S., World, Sports, Sci-Tech, Travel, Style, Showbiz, or Health and Earth. This is also an interactive page that allows the reader to query for information. Filled with up-to-the-minute breaking news, the page also has access to archived articles and network schedules.

Discovery Channel Online (www.discovery.com)

If you love the documentary specials and educational programming found on The Discovery channel, you will love this page. Each day of the week has a different theme and there is a wealth of facts and stories placed into engaging sections such as: History, Nature, Science, Wings, Exploration, Technology, Newsdesk, Name That Plane! There are also areas to order products, and find out programming times for the Discovery Channel and the Learning Channel. A search engine called knapsack can help you find any archived story or information. The page is beautifully designed with lots of absorbing facts and pictures.

Parent Soup (www.parentsoup.com)

This is an interactive magazine (appropriately named) for parents. What makes this page so unique and interesting is that it is largely built on the readers input. There are some highlighted news features and articles, but a large part of the page is discussion groups and bulletin board areas where parents of different needs meet to discuss and offer solutions to parenting problems; including but not limited to: single parents, divorced parents, working parents, stay-at-home parents, multiple births, and day care issues. Of course the page also follows holidays, issues in the news, and opinion polls on hot topics.

ESPN Sportzone (web1.starwave.com)

Every news page has sport news, but a sport enthusiast would want the best, right? This page is for you. Get scores before they hit the network. The homepage highlights top stories, and lead-ins to

other stories you can access. A lot of information is free, but for a subscription rate of \$4.95/month or \$39.95 annually you can get in-depth: interviews, stories, programming schedules, and an online almanac that can answer any sports trivia question that you have. As a subscriber you can elect to have stories and scores of your choice greet you at your e-mail every morning. There are also chat areas and daily gossip sections.

Outside Magazine Online (outside.starwave.com:80/magazine/omnidex.html)

Outside Magazine is a favorite of all outdoor enthusiasts. The online version gives you the same great issue, with back issues a click away. You will also find information, products, and links to other sport and outdoor pages.

Quotation Page (www.lexmark.com/data/quote.html)

If you want light reading, good humor or a prophetic motivator, visit the Quotation Page. This is one of the top resources for quotations on the web. Apparently, Steve Spanoudis, who works at Lexmark, the printer manufacturer, is a quotation fan. The page can only get better as his collection grows. The quotes are organized into subjects such as: New, Proverbial, Comedy, Children, Women, Stupid, Good starts, Misc., and more. He offers hints for finding the right quote and has provided a search tool. If you can't find what you want out of the 12,717 entries, he points you to other sources on the web. Treat yourself to a quote-a-day (or more) and try it out.

SPORTS

Lady Pilots Down but not Out

Brian Allen
ALMAGEST

Only 10 days after the team's most disheartening loss, a forfeit to Harding University, the Lady Pilots bounced back with a vengeance last Tuesday with a 92-61 blowout win over Ambassador College. The first win of the season breaks a 17-game losing streak dating back to last season's campaign.

Sophomore guard Erin Digilormo led the charge with a triple double of 23 points, 11 assists, and 10 rebounds. Six players posted double digit point totals for LSUS, compared to only two players for Ambassador. The Lady Pilots led from the opening basket to the final whistle in a game that was, for all intents and purposes, over midway through the second quarter. The Lady Pilots move to 1-13, while Ambassador College fell to 2-14. With Big State Conference play just getting underway, LSUS still has a realistic chance at a playoff birth. But with a roster of only seven players, it will be no easy task. Three players who had committed to play didn't show for reasons ranging from academic to personal, and tryouts also have failed to yield any dividends. Coach Autumn Scott has resigned herself to get the best out of limited resources.

"We can compete without these other players, but it's harder. I feel the seven

players we have committed have done an excellent job representing LSUS on and off the floor."

One visible result of this season's adversity is the close-knit, family atmosphere surrounding the Lady Pilots. No one has to harp about not getting enough playing time, and everyone's contributions are essential. Sophomores Digilormo and Tren Reed are the co-captains and veterans on a squad featuring three sophomores and four freshmen, making the team as short on experience as it is on depth. Both these players have accepted and flourished in their respective roles, providing both statistics and stability to a team sorely in need of both. Reed, a forward whose 16 points helped bury any hopes of an Ambassador rally, had this to say: "I was happy that the hard work we've done has paid off. It was exciting."

With all nine remaining games being against conference opponents, the Lady Pilots control their own destiny. Sports information director Bill Wood said that while Letourneau University and Wiley College are well locked into the two top spots in the conference, the last two playoff spots are still up for grabs. The Lady Pilots play their next home game Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. against Hutson - Tillotson University as part of a doubleheader with the men's varsity team. Admission is free to students with a valid I.D.

Lady Pilots Basketball Schedule 1997

FEB	Opponent	Location	Time
1	Huston-Tillotson Univ.	LSUS	6 p.m.
4	SW Adventist College	Keene, TX	6 p.m.
8	Jarvis Christian College	LSUS	6 p.m.
11	LeTourneau Univ.	Longview, TX	8 p.m.
15	Ambassador Univ.	Big Sandy, TX	7 p.m.
18	Wiley College	LSUS	6 p.m.
25	Huston-Tillotson Univ.	Austin, TX	6 p.m.

**SELLING?
BUYING?
SWAPPING?**

**Advertise in
The Almagest**

**This space would
cost \$9.50
25% Discount
for LSUS Students**

SPRING BREAK '97

PANAMA CITY!!!

Boardwalk Beach Resort
\$129, 7 nights Beachfront,
Daily Free Drink Parties,
Walk to Best Bars!!!!

Endless Summer Tours

1-800-234-7007

Hall Continues to Lead Pilots

Brian Allen
ALMAGEST

Sophomore Jinx? As far as LSUS center Larry Hall is concerned, that's a mythical beast. After smashing scoring records in his dazzling freshman season, Hall continues to surpass even the sky-high expectations that come from such initial success.

Last season Hall was one of the best players in the region. This year he is among the best in the nation. His 27.3 points per game average makes him the leading scorer in NAIA Division I, a first for any Pilot player. Hall is also third in the nation in rebounding at 11.9 per game. He has led the team in scoring in 11 of LSUS' 13 contests, and in both scoring and rebounding 10 times. The offseason saw lots of

speculation that the sophomore phenom would play elsewhere this year, but to the delight of everyone

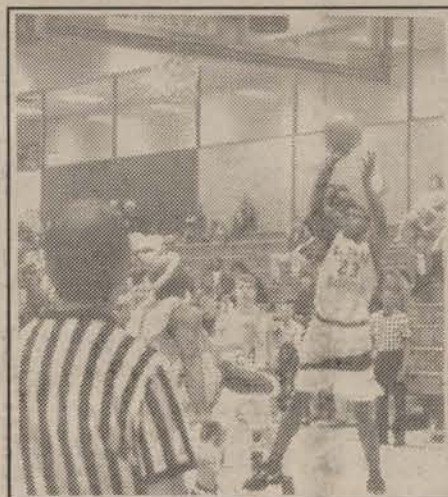


Photo by Rita Uotila

Pilot's sophomore Larry Hall has been ranked in the NAIA's top ten in scoring and rebounding since January 1996.

except the Pilots' opponents he has returned in even better form. His last game was another masterpiece, torching Ambassador University for 32 points and 17 rebounds in a losing effort as Ambassador won 83-75.

But Hall isn't a lone gunman. Three other Pilot starters average in double figures, most notably sophomore guard Phillip August, with 15 points per game. August can explode faster than the weather patterns in Shreveport can change, and with the majority of opposing defenses concentrating on Hall, August is able to get a lot of good looks at the goal. Also scoring double figures are Josh Garnier (12.0) and Davetrick Laird (10.9). The Pilots have stumbled in non-conference play, which is the reason for their 2-11 record. They are

1-1 in Big State Conference play, and from here on out it's conference opponents. LSUS has missed some key opportunities by losing the close ones. Six of the team's losses have been by six points or less, including two heartbreaking one point losses. Both LSUS victories have come at home, so your support does make a big difference. All the remaining home games are doubleheaders with the Lady Pilots, the next one being against conference rival Hutson - Tillotson at HPE at 8 p.m. on Feb. 1. The Lady Pilots take the court at 6 p.m. Admission, as always, is free to students with a valid ID.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Japanese Cultural Society

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues of each month
Activities: demonstrations, discussions
Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240

Accounting Club

Meets: 3rd Wed. of each month, Noon, BE216
Activities: Speakers, Networking, Scholarships, Volunteer Tax Assistance, Campus Activities
Contact: Accounting dept., college of business

Louisiana Association of Educators

Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Student teacher tea, speakers, bookfair, workshops, and service projects
Contact: Denise Wilson, 742-6423

Math Club

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. Of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH 421
Activities: Group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament
Contact: Dr. Mabry or Dr. Covington

History Club

Meets: First Thursday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH 446.
Contact Dr. Finley or Michael Scales, 221-7441

Chemistry Club

Meets: 1st Thurs. of each month
Activities: group
Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091

MBA Association

Meets: Once a month
Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business

Rotorac

Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities: Students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons
Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240

Drama Club

Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10:30 a.m., BH330
Activities: Dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work
Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228

Sociology/Social Work Club

Meets: BH361
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332

Campus Ministry

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room
Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects
Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 or Alan Thompson, 797-5355

Catholic Student Union

Meets: Twice a month
Activities: Community service, social events, fundraisers
Contact: Joseph Holubek 868-6104

Student Government Association

Meets: Every Tues. 1 p.m., DeSoto Room
Open to everyone.
Contact: Michael Scales, 221-7441

Psychology Club

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. Monthly, 10:30, BE342
Activities: Community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers
Contact: Brenda Alexander, 933-5734

Public Relations Student Society of America

Meets: Monthly, Thurs., 10:30a.m.
Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops
Contact: Kathy Smith, 798-0049

SPJ-LSUS Society of Professional Journalists

Meets: TBA
Activities: guest speakers on topics of the field related to journalism, socials
Contact: Rita Uotila, 687-3608

Health and Physical Ed. Club

Meets: Tues, Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Almost Anything Goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools.
Contact: Macie Foster, 797-7294

ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs of each mo.
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops.
Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

English Club

Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Booksale, guest speakers, social activities
Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH 251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251

International Club

Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH242 (Foreign Language Multimedia Lab)
Activities: Guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service.
Contact: Lynn Walford, 797-5245, lwalford@pilot.lsus.edu

Pilots Basketball Schedule 1997

FEB	Opponent	Location	Time
1	Huston-Tillotson Univ.	LSUS	8 p.m.
4	SW Adventist College	Keene, TX	8 p.m.
8	Jarvis Christian College	LSUS	8 p.m.
11	LeTourneau Univ	Longview, TX	6 p.m.
15	Ambassador Univ.	Big Sandy, TX	9 p.m.
18	Wiley College	LSUS	8 p.m.
25	Huston Tillotson Univ.	Austin, TX	8 p.m.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Jan. 31— Disco Dance in the U. C. Ballroom, 8 p.m.- midnight SAB will have refreshments available.

Jan. 31— Career center offers work shop on Interviewing, 10:30 a.m., AD213.

Jan. 31— Last day to register for Proficiency Exam.

Feb. 3— Last day to drop without a W.

Feb. 3— Interviewing begins at Career center.

Feb. 10-11— Mardi Gras Holiday.